



Schoolkids get pills to beat bug

PUPILS at schools hit by streptococcus A may be given preventative antibiotics, the schools minister has confirmed following the deaths of nine from severe

nine from severe infections.

Nick Gibb said the use of antibiotics "is an option" and the issue has been raised in the House of Lords.

One of the latest deaths is thought to be of a five-year-old girl who attended a Belfast primary school.

primary school.
The authorities are working closely with the school. Updated UK

guidance on scarlet guidance on scarlet fever outbreaks (which are caused by strep A), says antibiotics can be used to help stop new cases in settings such as schools.

Adam Finn, professor at the University of Bristol, said the bar for

treatment may be low.
"Given the number of cases and the concerns that exist we may see broad antibiotic use."

'Food supply crisis' on way

THE UK is "sleepwalking" into a food supply crisis and the government must step in to help farmers, the National Farmers Union (NFU) has warned.

Yields of tomatoes and other crops will slump to record lows this year, it said, with problems as

already seen with eggs.
Soaring fuel, fertiliser
and feed costs are to

The NFU said energy intensive crops like tomatoes, cucumbers and pears will hit lowest level since records began in 1985. It said milk prices were likely to fall below the cost of production.



COST OF XMAS DINNER UP

Sales of mince pies and plum duff plunge in crisis



THE cost of a traditional Christmas dinner for four is up by almost 10% on last year to £31 despite grocery price inflation dipping for the first time is 21 meeths. in 21 months.

Groceries are still Groceries are still
14.6% more expensive
than they were a year ago
but this is down from last
month's 14.7% in a sign
that the pace of inflation
is easing slightly,
according to Kantar.
Despite the hint of
Christmas relief, shoppers
will have to spend an

will have to spend an extra £60 in December to

buy the same items as last year while the cost of a Christmas dinner for

four is up 9.3% to £31.
Sales of mince pies and
Christmas puddings are

Even the football World Cup has failed to set supermarket tills ringing, with take-home beer sales nudging up 5% to £230 million, but mostly due to increased prices.

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Meanwhile, the strong growth of the discounters continued, with both Aldi and Lidl opening new stores across Britain.

Lidl's year-on-year sales increased 22%, pushing its market share to a record 7.4%, while an additional 1.5 million households shopped with Aldi compared with last year as it increased sales by 24.4%. Fraser McKevitt, head

of retail at Kantar, said: "As we move into the busiest time of the year for supermarkets, there are signs that the pace of grocery price inflation is easing as we saw a small dip this month - the first drop in 21 months."



Big slump in ciggie smokers

THE proportion of smokers in the UK has fallen to its lowest level on record, with statisticians saying

statisticians saying vaping has played a "major role" in this drop.

New figures from the Office for National Statistics (ONS) show that 13.3% of people aged 18 and over in the UK smoked cigarettes in 2021, the equivalent of 6.6 million people.

This is the lowest proportion of smokers since records started in 2011, when it was 20%.

The ONS said there'd been a "statistically significant" drop in the proportion of smokers from 14.0% of the population in 2020.

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Meanwhile, the ONS
said 7.7% of those aged
16 and over surveyed in
August and September
2021 said they used an
e-cigarette daily or
occasionally, equating
to around four million
adults.

Mancs are most generous Brits

MANCHESTER has kept its top spot as the UK's most generous area, according to data based on donations from fundraising site
GoFundMe.
The city claimed the

title once more having also been crowned in 2021, followed by Salford. Belfast, Edinburgh and

Glasgow. Around £205 million was raised for Ukraine across the website and US platform Classy in 2022, with more than 1.2 million donations.
The UK's top three

fundraisers were all Ukraine-related following Russia's invasion in

February.
Britons donated more than £2.8 million to the campaign, which topped the charts as GoFundMe UK's largest appeal.

hristmas wrecked for lions as rail unions GHOST OF XMAS FUTURE: RAIL unions were accused By COLIN HURST of being Scrooges last RMT chief news@sundaysport.co.uk night after fresh train Mick strikes were announced for Christmas Eve – with the walkout threatening

to hit travel over the festive weekend.

Workers at the UK's biggest rail union RMT will walk out from 6pm on December 24 until December 27 as the row over pay and conditions escalates.

The move comes after the union urged workers to reject the latest pay offer.
The new strikes could affect peopletravelling for Christmas, as well as restaurants and bars.

The walkouts are in addition to strikes by rail workers that have already been announced and begin next week. Tim Shoveller, Network Rail's chief negotiator, said the RMT was "playing fast and loose with people's Christmas plans and the new strike dates deliberately target vital engineering work designed to improve the railway".

The RMT represents staff at Network Rail, who maintain the railways and include signallers.

Talks

The union also represents workers at 14 train operating companies involved in strike

The union is involved in two sets of talks—one with Network Rail and one with the train companies – in a long-running dispute over pay and changes to their conditions. As well as the strikes on

24-27 December, industrial action at 14 train companies across will take place on:

• December 13-14
• December 16-17
• January 3-4
• January 6-7
RMT general secretary Mick Lynch told the BBC's Today programme that he regretted the inconvenience that was being caused by the strikes, "but this inconvenience is being caused by the strikes, but this inconvenience is being caused by the strikes, and the strategy for the railway companies and directing with the grips of the railway companies and directing with the strikes. companies and directing what's going on". Nigel Goddard in Croydon,

south London, says industrial action means that his family's Christmas has been "ruined". He will not be able to see his

son in Newcastle this December, and will miss visiting his six-month old granddaughter over the granduaus.

"We have three possible days
can meet up for

"We have three possible days that we can meet up for Christmas lunch but there are strikes on all three of the days," he said.

The last time Nigel saw his son was September 2021. He said he will also miss out on his staff Christmas party.

TODAY'S WEATHER AFTER a cold and cloudy start to the day, many places will see some welcome sunshine

by mid-morning.
Light showers
are possible in
the far north of
Scotland later in the afternoon.

Temperatures of 5C in London, 5C in Cardiff, 3C in Man-chester, 5C in Belfast, and 2C in Edinburgh.
Thursday brings more of

PHREE OWN WESTHER OUTLINES. SUN: SAT: FRI: Freezin' Bright Dry the same right across

the country, feeling very cold if you're outdoors. Temperatures of 2C in London, 1C in Cardiff, OC in Manchester, 3C in Belfast, and 1C in Edinburgh. **OUTLOOK: Perishing!**

Sussex's final Netflix episodes air.

The King, Queen Consort,
Prince of Wales, Kate and other family members will be out in force in public to support the princess's Together At Christmas festive celebration at Westminster Abbey on December 15.

The royals will be bracing themselves for bombshells when themselves for bombshells when

THE royal family will put on a united front at the Princess of Wales's carol concert on the day the Duke and Duchess of Sussex's final Netflix episodes

Harry and Meghan's six-part docuseries premieres this Thursday with the first three episodes, with the last three coinciding with Kate's Christmas service next week. In a trailer released on Monday, Harry spoke of a "dirty game" where there is "leaking" and "planting of stories" and "a hierarchy of the family".

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But the teaser appeared to use footage of the press filming events unrelated to the couple to depict them being hounded by paparazzi.

Kate's carol concert, supported by The Royal Foundation, is dedicated to the late Queen, who died three months ago, but comes at a time of continued turmoil for the Windsors.

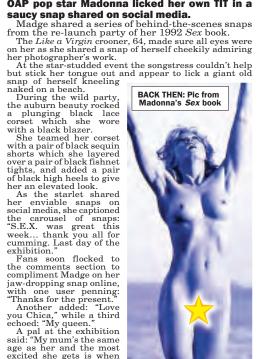
LICK A VIRGIN: Madge in latest online post



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OAP pop star Madonna licked her own TIT in a saucy snap shared on social media.

compliment Madge on her jaw-dropping snap online, with one user penning: "Thanks for the present." Another added: "Love you Chica." while a third echoed: "My queen." A pal at the exhibition said: "My mum's the same age as her and the most excited she gets is when she renews her bus pass."



LI BANS BONKING

BONKING has been BANNED on the holiday paradise island of Bali.

Indonesia's parliament has approved a new criminal code that bans anyone in the country – which includes the tropical paradise – from having extramarital sex and restricts

extramarital sex and of political freedoms.
Sex outside marriage will carry a jail term of up to a year under the new laws, which take effect in three years.
There has been a rise in religious conservatism in the Muslim-maiority

Muslim-majority

country.
Critics see the

laws as a "disaster" for human rights, and a potential

human rights, and a potential blow to tourism.

They apply to locals and to foreigners living in Indonesia, or at holiday destinations such as Bali. Under the laws unmarried couples caught having sex can be jailed for up to a year in one of Indonesia's hellhole

jails.
Many businesses were opposed to the legislation, saying it discouraged visitors and investment. But lawmakers have celebrated overhauling laws overhauling laws dating back to Dutch colonial rule.



Travolta leads tributes for mate Kirstie

KIRSTIE Alley's friend John Travolta took to Instagram to pay tribute to the actress after she died of cancer aged 71.

"Kirstie was one of the most special relationships I've ever had. I love you Kirstie," said Travolta, 68. "I know we will see each other again."

Travolta and Kirstie appeared opposite one

other again."
Travolta and Kirstie appeared opposite one another in the Look Who's Talking films in the 80s and 90s.
He added a tribute on Instagram showing a scene from Look Who's Talking Now in which they danced with one another.
In 2018, Kirstie, while appearing on Celebrity Big Brother UK, spoke about her fondness for the Hollywood stalwart, which extended into romantic areas.
She said: "I almost ran off and married John. I did love him, I still love him. If I hadn't been married I would've married him."



Housebuilding target missed

THE Government is unlikely to meet its housebuilding targets, falling short by 32,000 homes from its original 2016 and 2021 goals for affordable homes.

The Public Accounts Committee also criticised not enough socially-rented homes are being built to help ease the national housing crisis.

The report will add to pressure on PM Rishi Sunak after he was slated for watering down

slated for watering down housebuilding targets to see off a Tory rebellion.









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Labour coin £4.7m from donations

LABOUR received £4.7 million in donations between July and September, more than any other party, according to official figures.

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The sum received by Labour is greater than that donated to the Conservatives, which according to Electoral Commission data, received £2.9 million over the same period.

The Liberal Democrats recorded

The Liberal
Democrats recorded
around £1.7 million,
with more than £11
million in total donated
to 19 separate UK
political parties.

The figures come as Labour confidence grows ahead of the next general election, with Sir Keir Starmer's party fresh from a resounding victory in the Chester by-election last week. A Labour party

A Labour party spokesperson said: "Donors are coming back to Labour because they can see we are a changed party that is serious about getting into government and building a fairer, greener more dynamic. greener, more dynamic Britain."



Rise of the tattoo shop

BRITAIN'S going mad for tattoos with an almost 10 percent rise in inking parlours since the start of the COVID pandemic.
The rise of the tattoo

parlour is just one of the changes in Britain's high streets revealed by

analysis by a BBC probe.

Department stores and banks markedly fell in number, data from Ordnance Survey shows, as shoppers switched to online stores.

But beauty salons and tattoo parlours prospered, along with places to eat and drink - despite social distancing.
Overall, there were

9,300 fewer retail outlets in March 2022 than in March 2020.

The number of clothes shops in Britain is down 4,300, a fall of 8.5%. The collapse of the Arcadia retail empire in 2020 saw Burtons, Dorothy Perkins, Wallis, Topshop and Miss Selfridge all disappear from our shopping streets.



TROUBLED Chad Mason had a busy day on Sunday...

First, he had sex with a Goldendoodle DOG in front of shocked witnesses, then he went to a church and trashed the lovingly-assembled

a church and trashed with Nativity display.

Nativity display.

With the little Baby Jesus chucked out of the manger, 36-year-old Mason then turned his attention to the pot plants at Northwood Presbyterian Church in Clearwater, Florida riminal mischief to a

Presbyterian Church in Clearwater, Florida hurling every last one to the floor.

The yelping loon went on to hurl toys about in the kiddies' play area before going outside and trashing the playground.

Mischief

Leaving the church, his crazy crime spree continued as the maniac overturned a US Mail postbox before trying to

postbox before trying to steal a car.
Police then arrested 36-year-old Mason on several charges, including sexual activity with an animal, exposing sexual organs, and

criminal mischief to a place of worship.
According to Mason's arrest affidavit, he knew the dog's owner and was taking the Goldendoodle out for a walk when he started having sex with the startled animal in front of witnesses.

front of witnesses. When Mason When Mason was confronted by one of the witnesses, he fled and "began to wreak havor in the surrounding areas," his affidavit read.

A police source coid:

A police source said:
"Gol durn it!
"It done us took a

whole afternoon just to process this cotton-



pickin hooligan's charge

sheet.
"In 25 years working in Clearwater, I done thought I'd seen it all.

"But sex with a dog and desecration of a

house of God all in one





YANK lawyer Michael Avenatti, who rose to fame representing porn star Stormy Daniels during her legal battles with Donald Trump, has been sentenced to 14 years in prison.

Already in prison for separate convictions, he admitted cheating four of his clients out of millions

of dollars.

He was also ordered to pay more than £8million in restitution.

in restitution.

The prison sentence will run consecutively to the five years he is currently serving for stealing book proceeds from Daniels and for trying to extort Nike into paying him £20m.

It is the last of three major federal cripinal

major federal criminal cases to wrap up against the 51-year-old Californian, who became one of the

who became one of the former president's leading adversaries.

Avenatti pleaded guilty earlier this year to four counts of wire fraud and a tax-related charge. He was accused of negotiating and collecting settlement

payments on behalf of his clients and funnelling the money to accounts he

money to accounts he controlled, and spending it on his own lavish lifestyle, including a private jet.

Prosecutor Brett Sagel told the court in Santa Ana, California: "Despite the significant advantages this defendant had he chose to commit the acts in chose to commit that he acts in this case time and time again. He is just another criminal who thinks the law is something that applies to other people."

Apologised

His voice breaking, Avenatti apologised to his victims, including two who told the court about how losing the money and their trust in him upended their lives

Stormy Daniels had sued Mr Trump in 2018, and tried to cancel a non-disclosure agreement about the alleged affair.

Avenatti became a regular chat show guest, often outspoken about Mr Trump.





Musk: I'm target for assassins

ELON Musk says the risk of his assassination

is "quite significant".

In a two-hour Q&A audio chat on Twitter Spaces, the social media platform's new CEO told listeners he "definitely" would not "be doing any open-air car parades, let me put it that way".

Musk, 51 (above), said: "The risk of something bad happening to me, or even being shot, is quite significant.

"It's not that hard to kill somebody if you wanted to, so hopefully they don't, and fate smiles upon the situation with me and it does not happen.

"There's definitely some risk there."

The Tesla CEO and world's richest man – a self-proclaimed "free speech absolutist" – added: "We just want to have a future where we're not oppressed.

"Where our speech is not suppressed, and we can say what we want without fear of reprisals.

"As long as you're not really causing harm to somebody else, then you should be allowed to say what you want."



We're bonkers for sex dreams

A THIRD of people have had a sex dream involving a stranger.

a stranger.

The poll of 2,000 people aged over 18 by sexual wellness brand LoveHoney found that 32% of people have dreamt about having sex with a stranger, while 34% dreamt about sex with an ex-partner, and 35% about having sex

with a friend.
It also found that 18%
of men dreamt about or men dreamt about shagging a teacher, compared to just 7% of women, and 24% of men dreamt about bonking a work colleague compared

work colleague compared to 10% of women.
Women are more likely to dream about intense orgasms, with 43% saying they've had a dream like this compared to just 29% of blokes.
Of the people surveyed, 77% said they have dreamt about sex at least once, and 12% of these say they have sex dreams as often as two to three

often as two to three times-a-week.















Strippers tell councillors...

CHALLENGE: Lap dancers and union launched review in Edinburgh (above)

STRIPPERS have blasted a prodnose council's move to BAN lap dancing clubs, as the venues and a sex worker's union launch a judicial review

to challenge the shutdown.

Three Edinburgh clubs – Baby Dolls, The Western, and Burke and Hare – along with the United Sex Workers union, argue the city's council vote to limit the number of licensed venues to zero

number of licensed venues to zero from April will force the industry underground, making it riskier for its female workers.

Edinburgh dancer Sasha said the choice should be hers to make, adding: "It's our right to choose that and I don't think it's right for feminists to tell women what they should and shouldn't be doing with their bodies, what jobs they should do, and what jobs they should do, and what jobs they shouldn't do."

Fleyible

Flexible

Sasha added that working as a stripper means making good money and working flexible shifts that help her as a mother.

She added: "As a parent, I just find it very flexible and there's a potential for it to be well paid, so it ticks a lot of boxes for me. Particularly the flexibility, as the money is never guaranteed.

"It's not that easy — we've been doing what we're doing, most of us, for years, and that's our trade, it's our industry, and that's what we want to continue doing to make money."

However, for those campaigning for the ban of strip clubs, they say they know best and the choice to do this work shouldn't be available.

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writer Susan Dalgety believes the council's decision is right for women. She said: "As a feminist, I think that She said: "As a feminist, I think that men paying us for sexual favours is the worst kind of exploitation of our bodies. And it is the epitome of the patriarchy that men are much more powerful in society than women, and that all we are there for is either to reproduce the next generation or for the sexual entertainment of men.

Pornography

Pornography

"All Edinburgh is doing is saying that in our city we do not want to legitimise sexual entertainment. It's living pornography.

"It is young women taking their clothes off and dancing sexually for the pleasure of men."

Mina from the USW union said that exploitation isn't found in the clubs but is instead forcing women into working minimum wage jobs.

She said: "The patriarchy exists across all aspects of society, so clearly stripping is not free from that. However, it is the dancers' decision to choose that form of work... they're not being exploited.

"United Sex Workers take the position that shutting down legal, regulated places of work for dancers who are primarily women would force them to work in more dangerous conditions — especially in a cost of living crisis."

Edinburgh City said the decision to close down the strip clubs was for the "preservation of public safety and the prevention of crime and disorder" and that "SEVs can still apply for a licence and a committee would consider them against the agreed policy". against the agreed policy".

Fatties fight flab for cash

TUBSTERS are more greedy for MONEY than for GRUB – and will lose

weight if you pay them! Researchers tracked the weight loss of 668 obese adults in New York obese adults in New York and Los Angeles over a six-month period. The goal was for participants to lose 10 pounds. The study found two

thirds achieved the goal when they were offered money as a reward, but those who weren't lost

Those who weren't lost
half the amount of weight.
The study's senior
investigator, Melanie Jay,
says the results offer
evidence that incentives
can lead to short-term improvements.

"Our study provides firm evidence that offering incentives, especially cash rewards, even if only for six months, helps people of limited means struggling with obesity to lose weight," Jay said.











White Lotus star's cock is 'ginormous'

ginormous

WHITE Lotus star Theo
James says a prosthetic
cock he wore for a nude
scene in the HBO show
was "ginormous".

The scene in question
features Theo changing
into a bathing suit while
the character Harper
(Aubry Plaza) watches
in the bathroom, which
had viewers torn over
whether or not the cock
on camera was real.

Theo, 37 (above), said:
"We get to set and one
of the producers has
got, like, a hammer or
something. I mean, it's
bigger than that.
"It's like she stole it
off a donkey in the
field. The thing is
ginormous.

"And me and the
director. Mike White.

"And me and the director, Mike White, are sitting there going, "That's... average, is

'That's... average, is it?"

Theo added that both he and White immediately ran off to call their spouse to profusely apologise, adding: "It was nine inches flat and about four inches wide. We were like, 'What the hell is that?!"



Vicar is caged for body parts

A VICAR has been jailed for three years after he was found with human body parts. Solomon Bello, 35,

was found guilty of two counts of conspiracy and two of being in unlawful possession of human

Prosecutor Abayomi Jejeniwa said that Bello conspired with others to make magic charms from the body parts in Ondo, Nigeria. Jejeniwa alleged that

Bello unlawfully had in his possession a transparent plastic container with clean, sliced pieces of human heart tissue which were from two human adult hearts, two bone structures of human neck, and the vertebrae colon.

and the vertebrae colon.
The prosecutor added
that one wooden casket
containing magical charms
was also found in the
defendant's possession.
Bello had denied the

allegations levlled against him, claiming the two hearts found in his possession were from pigs and bones he bought.





AWAITING TRIAL: Maldonado

A TEENAGE girl, awaiting trial for shooting at cops in a gun rampage, took X-rated pics of another teen in jail showers.

However, police say that Nicole Jackson-Maldonado will not face

Jackson-Maldonado will not face any more charges for the photos.
Jackson-Maldonado reportedly took nude pictures, described as "very inappropriate and lewd in nature", of a 17-year-old inmate while she was in the shower.
Jackson-Maldonado said the other girl asked her to take the photos.
The 17-year-old is being held at the jail on multiple charges, including theft, resisting without violence, burglary with assault or battery, and lewd lascivious battery.
Jackson-Maldonado faces several charges, including attempted murder of a law enforcement officer stemming from a shootout with cops.

of a law enforcement officer stemming from a shootout with cops.
Jackson-Maldonado has been placed in administrative confinement as punishment for violating jail rules.
But the jailers took it a step further and forwarded one of the allegations, which dealt with indecent exposure, to the sheriff's office for a possible criminal charge.
A spokesman for Volusia County, Florida, said the sheriff's office had declined to charge Jackson-Maldonado with any crime in the jail incident.
Additionally, the jail wanted the

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sheriff's office to check if any pictures had been transmitted to people outside the jail. The sheriff's office was unable to make that determination but said the hard drives on the computers had been erased.

The photos were discovered on the 17-year-old's Lenovo Thinkpad.

Jackson-Maldonado received the same type of computer, which was provided by Volusia County Schools.

The photos were taken using the computer's camera.

"I took the photos and told her to delete it after, so we don't get in trouble," Jackson-Maldonado is quoted saying in a disciplinary report.

quoted saying in a disciplinary report.
Jackson-Maldonado also said that
pictures were taken of her.
"Yes, in my boxers. I don't see a
problem with it at all. We're teenagers
and I have done it before. Teenagers
do it all the time," Jackson is quoted
as saying in the report.
The correctional officer investigating
the incident wrote that Jackson was

the incident wrote that Jackson was told that just because other teenagers do it doesn't make it appropriate, and that the conduct was not acceptable

in the jail.

Jackson-Maldonado will appear in court on shooting charges in January.

Chippy fined for rubbing his wood

A CARPENTER caught playing with his chopper in his work van, in view of a passer-by on a busy street, has been fined.

Lee Insley, of Cowes, admitted using threatening, abusive words and behaviour likely to cause harassment, alarm or distress, on June 29, when he appeared before magistrates in the Isle of Wight.

A woman saw Insley

committing a sex act in his works van, in the middle of the day.

She made a video of the sex act and passed it to the police, who located Insley through his van registration.
Insley was fined £166

with £85 costs and a £66 surcharge.

COPS NICK MAN NOT ON THEIR MOST WANTED LIST

A MAN complained that he was NOT on a police Most Wanted list—and was promptly arrested. When the sheriff's department, located east of Atlanta, Georgia, released their Most Wanted list for November, Christopher Spaulding appeared offended by the omission. "How about me?" Spaulding asked through his personal Facebook account.

The department was happy to reply, saying: "You are correct, vou have two warrants, and we

personal Facebook account.

The department was happy to reply, saying:
"You are correct, you have two warrants, and we are on the way."

Later that day, police shared an update to the bizarre exchange – a photo of Spaulding in cuffs (left).

The 40-year-old had two warrants against him for Felony Violation of Probation.
"We appreciate you for your assistance in your capture," the department also posted.

After Spaulding was taken into custody, the Rockdale County Sheriff's Office said:
"By not being on Our Top 10 list doesn't mean our Fugitive Unit is not looking for you."





Sir faces jail over school bogs spycam

A GROUP of 17 teachers filed lawsuits against school bosses after they were filmed in a co-ed bathroom by a pervy colleague who installed a hidden camera.

The teachers claim the South Colonis

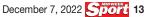
The teachers claim the South Colonie Central School District in New York state knew teacher Patrick Morgan had a history of inappropriate behaviour and an outstanding disciplinary record before he was arrested in February for installing the camera in the Sand Creek Middle School bathroom.

Creek Middle School bathroom.
The lawsuits come after Morgan (above) resigned from his job and pleaded guilty to two counts of unlawful surveillance last month.
He was initially charged with 22 counts after he was arrested for putting a hidden camera disguised as a phone charger in the school bathroom.
He will be sentenced next month and faces six years in prison.

SUB HUMAN

AROUND 40,000 homes were left without power after hooligans with automatic weapons shot up an electricity substation in Moore County, North Carolina.



























Cult leader married to 20 women

accused of marrying 20 women, most of whom are under the age of 15, as well as his DAUGHTER.
Samuel Rappylee Bateman, 46 (above), has been accused of marrying up to 20

marrying up to 20 women and girls at his cult HQ in Arizona, according to the FBI. The affidavit outlines

The affidavit outlines horrifying accusations of incest, group sex acts involving adults and children, and child sex trafficking against him. Bateman leads an offshoot group of the Mormon Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints, but has been of the Latter-Day
Saints, but has been
held in an Arizona jail
since the FBI raided
his two Colorado City
homes in September.
Agents looked for
evidence of underage
marriages or sexual
relationships between
adults and children.
While Bateman has
not heen charged with

While Bateman has not been charged with sexual abuse, an arrest affidavit claims the FBI has probable cause to believe he and others transported minors to engage in illicit sexual conduct.

Fact me!

JEHOVAH'S Witnesses don't celebrate birthdays because the only two accounts of birthday parties in the Bible ended in murder

Shoplifter held at cop shop gig

A MAN was arrested after trying to steal items from a supermarket where dozens of COPS were

holding an event.
Police said a man they
refer to as "Brad" was
held at a Walmart in St.
Cloud, Florida, after tryings to shoplift while around 40 deputies were inside as part of a "Shop with a

as part of a Shop with a Cop" event.

"Seriously, we just can't make this up," the Osceola County Sheriff's Office put on Facebook.

"Brad decided to steal

"Brad decided to steal from our good neighbours and partners at Walmart in St. Cloud while we were conducting the Shopp with a Cop event with the kids of our community.

kids of our community.

Bad news, Brad!"

The social media post added that the store was 'full of deputies, almost 40, beside the forensics team, the community services team, the CSOs, the OCSO Majors, and Shoriff Marco P. Sheriff Marcos R. Lopez. Bad idea, Brad".



CHARGED: Rachelle Terry handed herself in to cops



A SCHOOL administrator has been charged with sex crimes after she shagged a teen student and gave others alcohol during a Halloween party.

Rachelle Louise Terry, 43, is charged with 10 counts of giving alcohol to minors at the party this year and engaging in a sexual relationship with one

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relationship with one of the youngsters.
Terry is the director of Enrollment, Data Collections, and Federal Programmes for the Murray County school system in Georgia, and has been in the position for 22 years.

Jail

She turned herself in, and is being held in the Murray County

The age of consent in Georgia is 16. Any child below that age cannot consent.

The age of the pupils involved in her case are

not known.

An investigation
began on November 9
when Sheriff Jimmy
Davenport received a

report of minors being provided alcohol at a Halloween party. Davenport said he was contacted by Murray County Schools Superintendent Steve Loughridge about the party after a parent made a complaint. Terry turned herself in over five counts of purchasing alcoholic beverages for minors and five of contributing to the delinquency of a minor.

A spokesperson for Murray County Schools said: "She was put on administrative leave with pay. Because she is under contract, her leave must be with pay until a hearing can be conducted."





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I HAD a birthday on Monday.

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I became 52. And it was shit.

Not just because it would be easier to comb my skin than my hair.

Not just because my balls seemed to have sagged a further inch lower overnight.

Nor even the fact I woke up in the first place, having been yet again denied the quietly solemn wish to die in my sleep.

Which is about 45 times at the last count.

count.

count.

Nope, it was the world that got to me. A world packed full of self-interested twats.

No cards through the post, because

No cards through the post, because the posties are on strike.

But that's good, because otherwise I'd have to put them in the wrong bin that won't be emptied because

bin that won't be emptied because they're on strike, too.

Plus, if my even older age means I get ill, there's no point whatsoever trying to seek a doctor or even a hospital, because they're all walking out... past the "art" their individual hospital gallery director has ordered to be hung... past the office of their diversity manager who. despite diversity manager who, despite working in a hospital, genuinely cannot define a woman even when they're painfully giving birth to children in less delicately decorated areas of the building... and past the

pencils department, where no-one knows what on earth happens, but nevertheless costs an absolute f**king fortune. Gawd bless 'em all? Bang some ol' pans? NO!

NO!
Not at all.
They can all f**k right off.
They're not the only ones who
worked all the way through the pandemic

pandemic.
So did everyone at supermarkets.
At garages. On farms. In milk trucks.
Lorries. Taxi drivers. At corner shops.
Even here at Sport Towers.
In fact, so did an awful lot of people
who all have one thing in common.
We aren't on the public payroll.

Poo

So we don't expect Johnny Taxpayer to cough up just because we woke up on the wrong side of bed this morning and demanded a different coloured nappy to poo in.

Some of us have even gone the other way, by voluntarily taking a pay CUT.

Why?

To collectively by

Why?
To collectively help us through troubling times so that we can all hopefully ride this out together.
THAT, my friends, is a union.
Without a bald twat stopping you

travelling anywhere in sight.



FILM director James Cameron (inset above)
has brought us many
things, Avatar being the
most recent of his many

blockbusters.
The first of its sequels is set to hit cinemas more than a decade after the first one, and I can't say I'm holding out much hope for it. In his PR interviews,

James talks about how the films are based on family and about his own challenges of being a father-of-five.

He appears to have concluded that having

testosterone - the very man juice that, added to woman eggs, solely produce children – is in fact a "toxin".

This coming from the man who gave us Terminator.

Piss off, you daft c**t.

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Cops catch OAP double murder suspect on run

A FUGITIVE accused of stabbing an elderly couple to death after a row over a barking dog has been captured.

Christopher Keeley, 27 (above), was nicked in Miami Beach, Florida, 1,500 miles from where he bludgeoned Carl and Vicki Mattson, both 70, in their Marshfield, Massachusetts, home.

Keeley had been living in the Mattson's home as a favour to a family member but was asked

member but was asked to leave.

to leave.

He admitted to a friend he attacked the couple after the three argued over a noisy dog. Keeley also admitted harbouring violent urges including toward the Mattsons. The friend, who seked police the Mattsons. The friend, who asked police to conduct a wellness check on the couple, told police Keeley was acting "psychotic" and was known to carry knives

knives.
Officers found the couple stabbed to death inside their home.

A dog, previously reported missing, was also found dead inside the house.

Keeley now faces an extradition hearing in Florida before facing charges in Massachusetts.

Brave sheepdog saves flock from pack of covotes

A SHEEPDOG is recovering from injuries after squaring rrom injuries arter squaring
up to a pack of coyotes –
killing eight of them – while
protecting its flock.
Casper, a sheepdog on
John Wierwiller's farm in

Georgia, fought off more than half a dozen of the jackal-like predators in a stand-off that lasted for more than half an hour.

Mr Wierwiller said that Casper disappeared for two days after the fight.

"We knew he was hurt because we found parts of his tail and blood and

other things, so we were worried," he added. Casper eventually came back to the farm with

visible injuries.
John said it "looked like a coyote grabbed his skin and peeled it right off".
The LifeLine Animal

Project, an organisation with a mission to end euthanasia of healthy animals, has stepped in to help raise money for Casper's vet bills.



partner Karoline Preisler, 51, who is a member of the same party in the ruling coalition, were once considered a Kraut power couple.

But Reinhold, who is chairman of his party's eastern division, has shocked Berlin by swapping the mother of his teenage children for Annina Semmelhaack, when and the approximation.

Annina Semmelhaack, who used to perform in adult films as Annina Ucatis – renowned for her 36GG busters.
The 43-year-old grot star recently raised eyebrows by switching porn for politics, hoping to stand for the FDP in local elections part year. to stand for the 122 --local elections next year, a romance with and a romance with Reinhold blossomed during mentorship sessions to promote women in

graduate who was previously married to real estate mogul Theodor Semmelhaack, 65, has also starred in German Big Brother and made her name in films such as Big Tit A-List and the classic Busty Cock Worshippers 2.

Bumhole

In some films she takes hard cocks up her fanny and bumhole at the same time, before being showered with

being showered with scalding shot spunk.

She also runs her own real estate agency called Holsteiner Grund & Boden.

The adult actress id: "It's a great love

other in the FDP."
But after news of the affairemerged, his jilted ex posted on Twitter:
"The past few months have been bitter for me.
"After years with Hagen and politics in Mecklenburg-Western Pomerania, there is something new to do."
Ucatis previously

Ucatis previously made headlines in 2019 when New York Police Department allowed her to take a private tour of their HQ without

She shared photos and videos of the Real Time Crime Center among other sensitive NYPD areas. any explanation. She shared

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GAGA DOGNAPPER JA

A MAN who shot and wounded Lady Gaga's dog walker during a dog theft has been sentenced to 21 years in prison.

James Jackson pleaded guilty to attempted murder.

Ryan Fischer was walking the singer's three French bulldogs in Hollywood in February 2021 when

February 2021 when Jackson shot him in the

DUMPED: Karoline

Jackson shot him in the
chest, the court heard.
Mr Fischer said he
had to have part of his
lung removed after the
attack.
He said the shooting
had changed his life
forever.
The LA District
Attorney's Office called

The LA District Attorney's Office called the attack "a coldthe attack "a cold-hearted violent act". Several other charges were dismissed as part

were dismissed as part of a plea deal.

Jackson and one of four other accomplices took two of the dogs, Koji and Gustav,

took two of the dogs, Koji and Gustav, following the shooting. A third bulldog, Miss Asia, ran away and was later found by police.

At the time, police said that they thought

the dogs were targeted because of their breed

- and not because of who their owner was. The stolen dogs were returned unharmed two days later after Gaga offered a \$500,000 (£359,000) reward. Jackson's accomplices have pleaded guilty and are also facing long jail terms.















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Dear Sam,

I'M a 45-year-old woman and I love being shagged by younger guys. I recently got divorced so a friend took me out to a nightclub where I pulled an 18-year-old hunk.

I got him in a quiet corner out of sight, slipped out of my panties, straddled him and then rode his mighty weapon until he exploded incidence.

stradded nim and then rode his mighty weapon until he exploded inside me.

He didn't last very long, so I went on the prowl. I got chatted up by a few fellas but this tall bald fella took my eye.

I took him back to mine and he was soon pumping me fast and hard from behind. Then he slipped his cock into my bum and I screamed with pleasure when he came in my arse.

Now my pal says she won't go out with me again because she thinks she'll get a bad reputation.

What do you think?

TC, Sheffield

Sam says... FIND a new pal.

Dear Sam,

MY mate's bird loves getting her tits out and a couple of weeks ago, knowing that I'm a keen amateur photographer, she asked if she could

knowing that I'm a keen amateur photographer, she asked if she could pose for me.

I agreed, so she came to my place and it wasn't long before she was naked and letting me snap her right up her fanny.
She's 19, blonde, with massive boobs and a cracking body, and I soon had a rock-hard cock.

Seeing that I was really turned-on, she just smiled and said: "Well, are you going to f* *k me, or what?"

I didn't waste any time and knobbed her twice. I left my camera on and got some great pictures of me doing her.

They were so good she agreed I could send them to an adult magazine and they were printed. But her boyfriend saw them and he's now threatening to do me a mischief.

What should I do?

HP, Cornwall

HP, Cornwall

Sam says...

STICK to snapping birds with wings!!

I dread telling sis about love-rat squash hubby

Dear Sam,

MY sister and her husband always seem happy and go everywhere together, except when he plays squash.

I was passing the squash club one night when I decided to call in, but I was shocked when I saw him at the bar kissing and cuddling a young blonde.

I went and sat in my car. Then my brother-in-law and the blonde came out and got into his van.

I crept over to peep in. I was appalled to see them sucking each other frantically in the 69 position before he mounted her from behind.

I quickly drove to my sister's, but she looked so happy I hadn't the heart to tell her what I'd seen.

Should I tell her that her hubby's a love-rat and risk breaking her heart?

MR, Essex

MR, Essex

Sam says...

TACKLE the cheating hubby first, but if he won't give up this girl, then you should tell your sister.

High Priority



But as the night wore on and I got more and more tipsy, the thought of it really began to turn me on.

And when she gave me a goodnight kiss, I was thrilled as she slipped her tongue deep inside my mouth.

Juices

It was as if the decision had been made for me and I was quite willing to go along

My whole body tingled as her hands held my bum, pulling my pubic mound to hers.

The sweet taste of her mouth got my

juices flowing so much that when she asked if I wanted to go back to her place,

asked if I wanted to go back to her place, I didn't hesitate.

As soon as the door to her flat closed behind us she quickly lifted my top, removed my bra and sucked and licked on my erect nipples as her hands fumbled with my zipper.

We moved into the living room, where she pushed me back on the sofa and pulled down my jeans and

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Then it was the turn of my sapphic sex buddy. I felt nervous as she slipped off her clothes right in front of me.

But as she revealed more of her gorgeous body, it seemed natural to pleasure her in the same way she had

My first taste of pussy was truly

amazing. I flicked my hungry tongue across her fleshy petals time and time again, before locating her clitorus and going to work on that with some relish.

After she'd had a loud orgasm, we spent the rest of the night licking, sucking and f**king each other – and have done several more times since.

She's even done me up the wrong 'un

with a strap-on.

But I made the mistake of telling my fella and he was angry – not for me cheating on him, but because I didn't let

DN. Nottingham

Sam says...

DON'T be pushed into accommodating his sexual fantasies if it's not something that you feel comfortable about

My bird's hooked on me bonking her pals

Dear Sam.

MY girlfriend told me she'd had an erotic dream in which I was shagging her mate.

She said it turned her on so much that she wouldn't mind if it was real.

mind if it was real.

I have to say that filled me with much joy because I've wanted to bone her gorgeous mate for ages.

Anyway, we all went to the pub one night and had

Anyway, we all went to the pub one night and had a few drinks before going back to our flat. Her mate was all over me and soon had my rock-hard cock out and down the back of her throat.

Just as I was about to explode, my girlfriend came over and got me to spunk on her tits.

The two of them then led me into the bedroom and my bird said: "I want you to f**k her really hard.

Randy

So I did as I was told and launched my throbbing dick into her from behind.

dick into her from behind.

She was screaming in pleasure and as I pounded away for all I was worth I could see my girlfriend frantically playing with her fanny until she had a massive orgasm.

Since then my bird has been really randy in bed and

she now wants me to shag another of her pals.
Don't get me wrong, I really enjoyed boning her pal
but I'm not sure about doing it again with another
of her mates because I think it's getting a little too pervy now. What should I do?

TC. Lancs

Sam says...

ARE you kidding? Most men would kill to be in your position.

Dear Sam.

I'D never had sex in a car before last week – and now I'm wondering if I was right to have done it.

I'm not a snob, though being an only daughter means my well-off father has made sure I've been

pampered.
I've had three fellas before and, though the sex was unexciting, it always took place at my home when my parents were away, so a degree of comfort was assured.

My latest boyfriend. though, attracted me because he's a bit rough and ready and even looks dangerous.

After taking me for a

drink at a rough pub, he drove me to a quiet wooded area and we

started kissing. Soon we were very hot for it and he had my knickers off and his fingers probing me.

I felt so ungainly as he hoisted my legs over his shoulders in the cramped car and entered me with an assured rhythm.

I climaxed with a passion I'd rarely experienced, and he came thickly inside me soon after.

When we'd done, though, my expensive clothes were all crumpled, I was sticky and I couldn't find my undies anywhere. Have I been undignified?

Sam savs...

OH yes! Great, wasn't it?

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1. WHICH England footie star's Surrey mansion was targeted by armed raiders while he was at the World Cup in Qatar? a) Harry Kane b) Mason Mount c) Raheem Stirling d) Eric Dier

- 2. WHICH former PM personally lobbled Matt Hancock to get the UAE removed from the UK's travel red list because "he does a lot of business over there", the ex Health Secretary has claimed? a) David Cameron b) Gordon Brown c) John Major d) Tony Blair

- 3. WHICH Hollywood 3. WHICH Hollywood legend has revealed his dad passed him a cannabis joint to smoke at the age of just six? a) Robert Downey Jr b) Tom Hardy c) Charlie Sheen d) Kiefer Sutherland

- 4. WHAT country will England face in their World Cup quarter-final game on Saturday, after beating Senegal 3-0? a) Netherlands b) France

- c) Argentina d) Brazil

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- couple had even met?
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 The First Avenger
 b) Green Lantern
- c) Thor d) Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows: Part 2
- 6. WHICH star of Yank 6. WHICH star of Yank sitcom *Cheers* lost their battle with cancer and died aged 71 this week? a) Ted Danson b) Kirstie Alley c) John Ratzenberger d) Rhea Perlman
- 7. WHICH ex-England footie legend is facing the threat of bankruptcy over an unpaid tax bill of more than £300,000?
- a) Gary Lineker b) Chris Waddle c) Terry Butcher d) John Barnes

- 8. WHAT supermarket giant said it will pump a further £50million into its latest price-cutting push to support customers facing the soaring cost of living?
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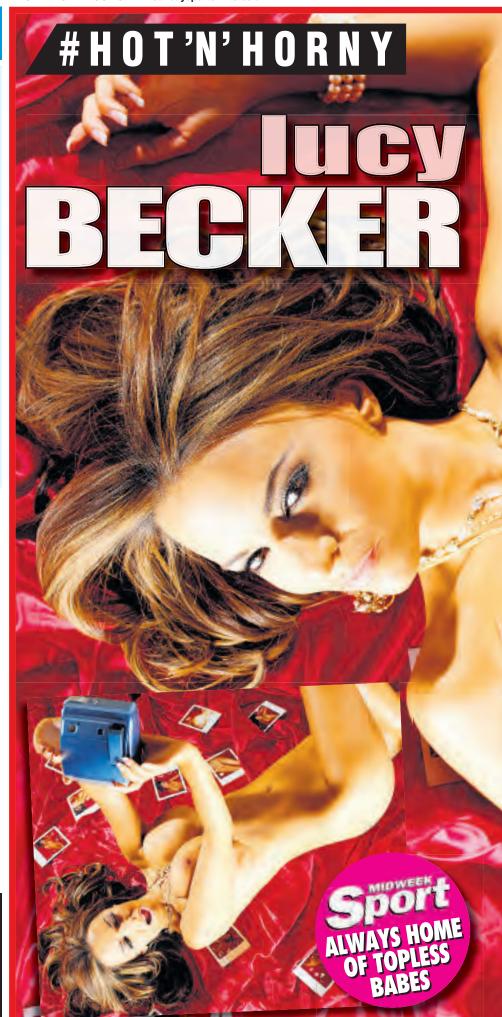
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 a) Royal Mail
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- a) Brazil

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SPORT STARTS HERE WITH RACING



POCKET THE PACKET can continue his profitable campaign with another victory at Lingfield.

George Boughey's youngster failed to beat a youngster failed to beat a single rival in three novice starts earlier in the year, but that did allow him to enter the handicap sphere from a lowly rating of 45.

Having been gelded in the meantime, Pocket The Packet lunged late to make a successful nursery debut at Newcastle in October, with the

successful nursery debut at Newcastle in October, with the winning margin just a nose, but he was a far more authoritative winner when rated 5lb higher at the same track last month.

Penalty

He came up short in his bid for a Newcastle hat-trick over seven furlongs next time, but he dispelled any notion the handicapper might have his measure when dropped to five furlongs on his most recent appearance at this track as he won going away.

Turned out little over a week later under a 6lb penalty, he

later under a 6lb penalty, he will take some stopping under Jim Crowley.

Tudor looks the answer to

the BetUK Over 40,000 Live Streamed Races Handicap.
Having been placed during spells with Richard Fahey and latterly Mark Loughnane, the three-year-old made a winning start for Kevin Philippart De Foy here and a 2lb rise looks more than fair.

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All-weather fare also comes from Kempton, where Hobson Point is of clear interest in the Unibet Extra Place Offers Every Day Nursery Handicap.

The son of Oasis Dream was placed twice from three turf starts for Karl Burke in the autumn and has since changed hands for 35,000 guineas.

Now with Marco Botti, he can make an impact switched to an artificial surface.

Royale Dance is difficult to oppose in her bid to make it back-to-back wins at Hexham.

A £65,000 purchase after winning in the Irish point-to-point field, the five-year-old was a beaten favourite on her debut in a Stratford bumper in March, but performed well to finish second.

Time has shown she faced a difficult task that day in taking on Ukantango, who

Time has shown she faced a difficult task that day in taking on Ukantango, who since his three-length success has won twice over hurdles

and finished second in a Grade
Two at Cheltenham.
Royale Dance was sent on
the long journey north to
Hexham for her hurdling bow
by Dan Skelton and while the
form is nothing to write home
about, she got the job done
comfortably in the end.
The daughter of Muhtathir
clearly handles the stiff track
and soft ground and should be
capable of following up in the
Seasons Greetings From
Hexham Bookmakers Mares'
Novices' Hurdle.

Promise

Dan and Harry Skelton may welldoubleup with Camdonian in the Horslyx Supporting Hexham Racecourse. Maiden Hurdle.

The six-year-old was placed three times last season including a nose defeat here in

including a nose defeat here in the early spring.
Following wind surgery, Camdonian made his seasonal reappearance and handicap debut at Uttoxeter last month and there was plenty of promise in his fourth.

He faces a couple of unknown quantities on his return to Northumberland, but unless one of them is well above average, Camdonian should prove hard to beat.

INGFIELD WEDNESDAY

20 SPREADEX LIVE UK RACING STREAMING HANDICAP (6) £3,726; 1M. 1 (1) 25c2334 McQUEEN 27 (P:D) H Spiller 3-9-9....... Daniel Tudhope 2 (3) 6521273 BLUE COLLAR LAD 18 R Brisland 3-9-8....... William Carson 3 (8) 7534375 DUTUGAMUNU 37 (P:CD) L Carter 5-9-7.......... joshua Bryan 4 (10) 6-11709 MUTHLE ET U137 (8)**CD) M Hoad 8-9-5... Rob Horno 6 (11) -559784 DASHING TO YOU 7 (8:D) W Stone 3-9-5.... Collen Storey 7 (4) 8231322 DMER STARICHT 19 (BF.D) R Hannon 4-9-4.... Jim Crowley 8 (12)5722325 HELLAVAPACE 25 (B:CD) J Portman 4-9-4... T Saunders (5) 9 (6) 9947905 WALEYFA 8 R Sbephens 4-9-3....... Daniel Muscutt 10 (5) -246040 SMARDEN FLYER 8 J Best & K Jewell 3-8-13. Robert Hautin 11 (2) 3656447 MR MAC 235 (V:CD) S Hodgson 8-12 ... William Carver (3) 12 (7) 6275082 MARCHETT I18 (P) J Fox 5-8-11 Saffie Osborne HANDICAP (6) £3,726; 1M.

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4			ONE MORE DREAM 25 (BF,D) J Quinn 3-9-6 Jason Har
			GRANARY QUEEN 6 (P;C,D) E J-Houghton 4-9-6 G Downin
			DION BAKER 18 (P) M Wigham 3-9-4 Grace McEntee (3
			STARSHIBA 7 (V;D) D O'Meara 5-9-3 Daniel Tudhop
			BROXI 21 (B;D) D Ivory 4-9-2 Nicola Curri
			AJRAD 18 (CD) M Attwater 4-9-1Adam Farragher (3
			LA RAV 8 (C,D) L Carter 8-9-1Kaiya Fraser (7
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3	(1)	4143219	DON'T FIGHT IT 82 S Woodman 9-9 William Carson	

4	(9)	04 667	CANADIAN FIRE 7 (V*) K De Foy 9-9 Adam Farragher (3)
5	(7)	7 74	CHANDELEUR ISLAND 22 E Walker 9-8Saffie Osborne
6	(6)	5052	SOUTH DAKOTA SIOUX 8 D O'Meara 9-7 Daniel Tudhope
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4	(3)		BEYOND BEAUTY A Keatley 9-2	. R Sexton (3)
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Harry Skelton	10	34	29.41	21	61.76
H Cobden	9	33	27.27	18	54.55
B S Hughes	9	44	20.45	17	38.64
]] Burke	9	37	24.32	15	40.54
S Bowen	8	34	23.53	15	44.12
Sean Quinlan	6	38	15.79	14	36.84
D A Jacob	6	19	31.58	11	57.89
I E Moore	6	24	25.0	9	37.5
David Bass	5	21	23.81	10	47.62
Jonjo OʻNeill Jr.	5	26	19.23	10	38.46
G Sheehan	5	22	22.73	7	31.82
C Brace	5	9	55.56	5	55.56
Kielan Woods	4	27	14.81	17	62.96
P Townend	4	21	19.05	14	66.67

I'S BEEN A BUSY WEEK IN RUGBY UNION



WALES boss Warren Gatland says he is relishing the prospect of a "fantastic" Guinness Six Nations opener against world number one team Ireland.

Gatland's second spell in charge of Wales will begin with a fierce reintroduction to Test

a fierce reintroduction to Test match rugby.

After the final year of his previous reign delivered a Six Nations title and Grand Slam in 2019, Gatland will be reunited with a tournament he describes as "the best rugby competition in the world".

Either side of a 2021 title success, Wales had two fifth-place finishes under Wayne Pivac.

Prior to Gatland's departure from Wales after the 2019 World Cup, Wales recorded a 70 per cent Six Nations success rate across the 12 tournaments that took place during his tenure.

place during his tenure.

They won the Six Nations four times, including three Grand

Slams.
"The Six Nations is completely

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different to the autumn series,

where there is an opportunity to try things out," Gatland said. "The Six Nations is when points are at stake, and that kind of replicates in some way the World

replicates in some way the World Cup, where the aim initially is to get out of your pool.

"For us, it is about hopefully hitting the ground running and just making sure we have a Six Nations campaign where, first of all, we are competitive.

"Having Ireland first up is going to be a challenge against the number one team in the world, but having them first up is fantastic.

but having them first up is fantastic.

"The first thing is to see those players wearing that Wales jersey with incredible pride and giving a performance that reflects the hard work they've put in.

"If we do that, we have got a chance of having a good Six Nations and then we can build on that towards France and the World Cup."

Gatland is expected to arrive in Wales next week, with the Six

Nations planning set to start immediately as he builds towards the Ireland clash on February 4.

the Ireland clash on February 4.

Among his early tasks will be deciding on the make-up of his coaching support staff, which under Pivac featured Stephen Jones, Jonathan Humphreys, Gethin Jenkins and Neil Jenkins.

He also needs to give initial thoughts regarding a Six Nations squad ahead of announcing it

squad ahead of announcing it

probably in mid-January, with Welsh derbies in the United Rugby Championship over

Rugby Championship over Christmas and new year making for important viewing.

"I wouldn't have taken this or unless I felt I could make a difference," Gatland added.

"The Six Nations, for me, is the best rugby competition in the world and I've always loved being part of that. Then there is the excitement about building towards a World Cup.

Hope

"The great thing about World Cups is that it is a real opportunity to get proper preparation time to really work hard at your game." Meanwhile, Will Rowlands says it is his "great hope" to play for Wales at next year's World Cup after his departure from the Dragons was confirmed.

The former Wasps lock will leave Rodney Parade at the end of this season.

this season.

He looks set for a move to
French club Racing 92, which
would make him unavailable for Test rugby because of current

Welsh Rugby Union selection guidelines.

The policy says players plying their trade outside of Wales are not eligible for Test selection unless they have won 60 caps.

Rowlands, who was a key Wales performer during Wayne Pivac's three-year reign as head coach, falls well short of that figure.

"I am sad to be leaving Dragons RFC at the end of this season, but would like to thank everyone involved with the club for their support over the past 18 months," Rowlands said.

"It has been a pleasure to play at Rodney Parade, and I know that the future is bright for this club.
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club.
"Thave no doubt that we are just beginning to see the seeds of that in the performances of the team, and that they will go from strength

and that they will go from strength to strength.

"It is still my great hope that I will be able to represent my country in the World Cup 2023, if called upon."

Rowlands, who is currently recovering from a shoulder injury, is likely to feature in the plans of Pivac's successor Warren Gatland.

<u>England sack</u>

EDDIE Jones has been sacked as England head coach after seven years in charge.

The Rugby Football Union has acted in response to a dismal $autumn\,that\,concluded\,England's\,worst\,year\,since\,2008, comprising$

of six defeats, a draw and five wins.

Jones was contracted until the end of next year's World Cup but now looks set to be replaced by his former number two Steve Borthwick, Leicester's director of rugby.

In its statement announcing his dismissal, the RFU revealed that forwards coach Richard Cockerill will take charge of England on an

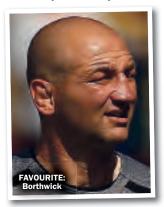
will take charge of England on an interim basis.

"It's important to recognise the huge contribution Eddie has made to English rugby, winning three Six Nations, one Grand Slam and taking us to a World Cup final," RFU chief Bill Sweeney said.

"He has the highest win ratio of any England head coach and has helped develop the leadership skills of many players and coaches.

"I'm grateful to Eddie for all he has done for England across many areas of the game and the professional way in which he has approached reviewing the performance of the team.

"He has provided the panel with



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astute insight and meaningful lessons that will support the team performance going forward."

Jones was left fighting for his future after a terrible autumn that produced a solitary victory against Japan and was bookended by defeats to Argentina and South Africa Africa.

An anonymous panel of experts appointed by the RFU reviewed the campaign and concluded that Jones' departure was necessary to improve the team's fortunes with the World Cup opener against the Pumas just nine months away.

Performance

The findings of the review were put to the RFU board, which on Monday morning pulled the trigger on the 62-year-old Australian's reign despite his win record of 73 per cent.

"I'm pleased with much that we have achieved as an England team and I look forward to watching the team's performance in the future."

team's performance in the future,' Jones said.

ones said.
"Many of the players and I will no doubt keep in touch and I wish them all well in their future careers."

careers."

Beyond revealing that Cockerill
will take charge of team affairs for
the time being, the RFU declined
to reveal the identity of Jones'
long-term replacement.

"The RFU will now conclude the
long-term work it has been

undertaking on coach succession planning, with changes set to be announced in the near future," a statement read.



RONG FOR

The stars aligned for the veteran 'super-coach' at the 2015 World Cup as Japan's unprecedented success, headlined by a stunning upset of South Africa, coincided with England's failure to reach the knockout phase for the first time.

Having appointed the inexperienced Stuart Lancaster in 2012, the Rugby Football Union then sought his opposite—a seasoned campaigner with a proven track record in the international game. Enter Eddie Jones.

WAS HE NOT A SUCCESS TO

START WITH?

Unquestionably. The early days were dizzying – a Grand Slam in his first Six Nations in charge, a 3-0 series whitewash of Australia and a world record-equalling 18-Test winning run were glorious validation that the RFU made the right call. All this was achieved with virtually the same players who had

bombed so spectacularly at the home World Cup in 2015. Everything he touched turned to gold.

SO WHERE DID IT GO WRONG?

The first fault line emerged in 2018 in the form of a six-game losing run that brought with it a fifth-place finish in the Six Nations, but cracks

had already started appearing.
The extraordinary churn of backroom staff had begun – evidence of his demanding and attritional management style – and he was equally happy to pick fights in public, calling out players, coaches,

club owners and media.

During the 2018 tour to South
Africa he was warned about his
conduct by Twickenham chiefs.

BUT ENGLAND BOUNCED BACK

AT THE 2019 WORLD CUP, RIGHT?

Yes, but in many ways the impact made in that tournament was emblematic of what England had become under Jones.

A kind route to the knockout phase – their group game against France was cancelled because of a typhoon – was followed by a poor Australia being swept aside and New Zealand being crushed in sensational fashion in the semifinals. But barely a shot was fired in the final against South Africa on a day of crushing disappointment.

Jones' England rollercoaster was operational before and after Japan, but those seven days against the All Blacks and Springboks was its most extreme example. A kind route to the knockout

extreme example.

SO HE HAD EARNED THE RIGHT

TO CONTINUE?

Dismantling New Zealand extended Jones' reign, but arguably it should have ended there as originally intended.

England won the coronavirus-interrupted Six Nations and Autumn Nations Series in 2020, but performances were poor and the wheels came off the following year

when they finished fifth in the

Championship.

A cull of senior players followed, but they were eventually reinstated. and his coaching team was overhauled yet again. Some great young talent was blooded, but England had lost their way—muddled, bereft of identity and neutered by a toothless attack.

WHAT WAS THE FINAL STRAW?

For the third time under Jones, the Six Nations finished with three defeats.

The RFU backed him, seeing his

The RFU backed nim, seeing his record against southern hemisphere teams as crucial for the 2023 World Cup, but Jones' position was no longer looking unassailable.

A 2-1 series over Australia in July justified the decision but a collapse before South Africa in the climax to a paliest autum, sew the RFUs

an abject autumn saw the RFU's patience run out, with its board approving the decision by a review panel to bring his reign to an end.

- 1. How many successful defences has Tyson Fury made of his WBC world heavyweight title?
- 2. Ellen White scored how many goals for England?
- 3. Which four England men's batters made first-innings centuries in the current first Test in Pakistan?
- 4. In which year did Lionel Messi make the first of his 1,000 career appearances for Barcelona, Paris St Germain and Argentina?
- 5. What nationality is Australian Open golf champion Adrian Meronk?
- 6. Steven Hammell manages which Scottish Premiership team?
- 7. Who is the coach of the United States men's national football team?
- 8. Which team are currently top of rugby union's Gallagher Premiership?
- 9. Superleague netball side the Thunder are based in which British city?
- 10. The Sacramento Kings play in which major American sporting league?
- 11 England all-rounder Will Jacks plays for which county?
- 12 Name the two players sent off in the World Cup group stage in Qatar?
- 13 In which year did Leeds enter administration under chairman Ken Bates?
- 14 Derek McInnes manages which Scottish Premiership
- 15 Yorkshireman Dan Bradbury is a professional player in which sport?
- 16 Which nation won tennis' Billie Jean King Cup last month?
- 17 Who won snooker's UK Championship this year?
- 18 The 2024 Tour de France finish has been moved from Paris to which other French city?
- 19 In which year was Eddie Jones appointed as England rugby union head coach?
- 20 The Los Angeles Kings play in which major American sporting league?

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PRESSURE: Saka

Saka up for taking pen in quarters

BUKAYO Saka said he has dared to dream of World Cup glory, as buoyant England fans in Qatar predicted the Three Lions will overcome France. The Arsenal forward

said he has "always allowed myself to dream" when asked if he had ever imagined himself playing in a World Cup final and lifting the trophy. Three Lions supporters

Three Lions supporters in Doha were optimistic of further success against France on Saturday at the Al Bayt Stadium, with one insisting he will continue wearing his "lucky" England shirt and shorts.
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Saka, when asked if he allows himself to dream or shuts out such thoughts, told reporters: "I always allow myself to dream

Referring to Colombian pop star Shakira's Waka Waka (This Time for Africa), the 21-year-old added: "Having watched the tournament as well growing up, a lot of memories, I remember South Africa 2010, the famous theme song, it's an amazing song.

Stepped

"Things like that, it sticks with you forever, and as a kid you just one day wake up after a dream thinking 'I want to do this, I want to score a goal in the World Cup' and stuff like that, and I always allowed myself to dream."

Saka missed the decisive penalty as England lost the Euro 2020 final to Italy in a shoot-out last summer.

With penalties a possibility on Saturday, he said: "I would not have stepped up the times I have stepped up for Arsenal to take a penalty if I wasn't confident, so if the moment comes and I am selected to take a

am selected to take a penalty, I am more than happy to."
Marketing executive Jordan Fox, 24, from Oxford, landed in Doha on November 20 in time for the first game of the tournament and is staying until England "either win it or get knocked out", adding: "Hopefully win it. "I think we're the best

team player-for-player in the tournament, the stats back it up.

"The game on Saturday
- whoever wins that will
win the World Cup.
"If we get past France
we will beat anyone, but
it's a shame we've got

France so early.

"We've got nothing to be scared of. Everyone talks about (Kylian) Mbappe but they should be more worried about our frontline and midfield."

IT'S ENGLAND v FRANCE IN THE

LUKE Shaw believes it would be "naive" of England to focus solely on the threat of Kylian Mbappe in their World Cup quarter-final clash against France.

England beat Senegal 3-0 in their last-16 meeting on Sunday to set up a date with the reigning world champions at Al Bayt

world champions at Al Bayt
Stadium.

Keeping Mbappe quiet would go
some way to helping Gareth
Southgate's men to victory on
Saturdaynight, the Paris St Germain
forward having already hit five goals
in Qatar – including two in their 3-1
win over Poland which saw them

advance to the last eight.

But, with the likes of Olivier
Giroud – now France's all-time
record goalscorer – and Antoine
Griezmann also expected to line up
against England, Shaw insists there

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are plenty of other players to be concerned with.

"Obviously after his performance against Poland there's going to be even more chat about him but we know he's a world-class player," the Manchester United full-back said.

"I think it would be very naive of us to focus purely on him. They're reigning world champions for a reason and we need to focus on them as a whole team.

reason and we need to focus on them as a whole team.
"They have brilliant players over the whole pitch so we're not going to fully focus on him, but it's an amazing tie to be involved in and that's why we're here."

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England impressed in all areas as England impressed in all areas as they saw off Senegal, a performance which pleased Shaw but also one that the 27-year-old knows the squad must use to stoke belief heading into their quarter-final.

"I think we're really happy with

the victory, another clean sheet obviously," he added.
"We were more clinical in front of goal. We defended well as well, not too many chances for them.
"Obviously in the first half a couple

of sloppy passes from us put ourselves under pressure, but apart from that, overall I think it's a solid performance and what a game to look forward to

Favourites

"It needs to give us confidence and the belief, it's obviously not going to be easy. They are reigning world champions and they are that for a

reason.
"It will be a very tough game and mentally we have to be ready and focused because we have to be at 100 per cent to win this game and we know that."

While England and France were projected to meet at this stage, some of the other nations who would have

been seen as early favourites have already fallen by the wayside. Germany and Belgium were eliminated at the group stage and Shaw believes England's progress shows they are doing something right.

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"It's been an amazing tournament, an unbelievable one to watch and it shows no game is easy," he added.

"We always speak before about the favourites and this and that and when you come to a World Cup it's always different – the atmosphere, the game the heat.

always different — the atmosphere, the game, the heat.
"It's all things you need to get used to and I think you've seen with a couple of the big names you maybe think should be through are not and that shows we're obviously doing the right things at the moment, but I think we need to step up another level because France are a very good team."

Meanwhile, an England fan who attended the 1966 World Cup win is

WORLD CUP QUARTER-FINAL

hoping to witness a repeat in Qatar

David Thompson has followed the Three Lions at four overseas World Cups although his first experience of international football's biggest

of international football's biggest tournament came as a five-year-old. His father Keith won a raffle to secure two tickets to the 1966 showpiece, but the 61-year-old cannot recall much beyond the "noise and the clackers" of England's 4-2 win against West Germany. Mr Thompson will miss Saturday's quarter-final tie with France at the All Bayt Stadium due to work commitments in the UK.

But he has tickets for the semifinals and final and plans to return to Qatar even if Gareth Southgate's men do not progress.

Mr Thompson, who works in the

men do not progress.

Mr Thompson, who works in the
travel industry and is club president
at Marine FC, said he is "cautiously
optimistic" about England"s chances.
He said has "really enjoyed" his

2022 World Cup experience: "I just wanted to be here. I've been to the last three World Cups so there's no way I could miss out on this one." Asked which was his first, he replied: "South Africa. Well, my first

one if you really want to know – I went to the final in 1966 but I was

only a nipper.
"My dad played semi-professional football then so all the clubs got two tickets, they raffled them and my dad was lucky enough to get them.
"So all Loap remember is the project."

'So all I can remember is the noise and the clackers. My dad bought me

"That was the first one but I've done 2010, 2014 and I went to Russia

done 2010, 2014 and I went to Russia in 2018 and done this one."

On his hopes for England, Mr Thompson added: "I think they're progressing at a nice pace. You've got to be optimistic for the next one.

"We can't say we're going to win the World Cup but you have to be optimistic."

optimistic.





CRICKET: Second Test Australia v West Indies — BT Sport 1 0400 (Thurs).

■FOOTBALL: National League North Kidderminster v Chester – BT Sport 1 1915.

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Second Test, Australia v West Indies
— BT Sport 1 0400 (Fri).

—FOOTBALL: FA Cup, second-round
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—GOLF: DP World Tour, The Alfred Dunhill Championship — Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Golf 1000. ■TENNIS: Diriyah Cup, quarter-finals — Eurosport 2 1300. ■GRIDIRON: NFL, Los Angeles Rams v Las Vegas Raiders - Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports NFL 0000

■FOOTBALL: World Cup, quarter-final Croatia v Brazil – ITV 1400, BBC One 1430, guarter-final Netherlands / Argentina — ITV 1800. BBC One

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■HORSE RACING: Live from Cheltenham — ITV4 1310.

BASKETBALL: NBA, Philadelphia 76ers v Los Angeles Lakers – Sky Sports Main Event 0030 (Sat).

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Cheltenham - ITV4 1310. ■BASKETBALL: NBA, Miami Heat v San Antonio Spurs - Sky Sports Main Event 2200 ■BOXING: Fight Night International,

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SUNDAY ■FOOTBALL: Women's Super League, Manchester City v Manchester United — BBC One 1215, Aston Villa v Arsenal — Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Premier League 1530, Chelsea v Reading — Sky Sports Main Event, Sky Sports Premier League 1830; Championship, QPR v Burnley — Sky Championship. DPR v Burnley – Sky Sports Football. Sky Sports Main Event 1230, Hational League. Oldham v Torquay – BT Sport 1 1445; National League South, Braintree v Dulwich – BT Sport 1 1215. ■CRICKET: Second Test, Pakistan v England – Sky Sports Main Event. Sky Sports Cricket 0445 (Mon): Women's first T20, West Indies v England — BT Sport 1 2130; Second Test, Australia v West Indies — BT Sport 1 0400 (Mon). RUGBY UNION: Champions Cup, Sale v Ulster – BT Sport 2 1230, Saracens v Edinburgh – ITV 1445, BT Snort 2 1500 Munster v Toulouse -BT Sport 3 1500, Ospreys v Leicester - BT Sport 2, S4C 1715 ■GOLF: DP World Tour, The Alfred Dunhill Championship — Sky Sports Golf 1000; PGA Tour, QBE Shootout — Sky Sports Golf 1800.

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GARETH Southgate relishing England's "acid test" against reigning champions

France.
The Three Lions boss says his team is facing "the very best" in Saturday's quarter-final.

"You know, this is the acid test for us," Southgate

By JOHN ANTHONY

said. "We know it's a step up from everything we've had so far.
"But the team have garnered so much experience in the last few years. They're playing with confidence.
"We look threatening, we're scoring goals, another clean sheet, which was

really pleasing to see.

"So, we're in a good place, but we know the level of the opposition as well."

England have reached the quarter-finals in three successive tournaments and are now looking to beat anelite nation in a knockout match on foreign soil for the first time. really pleasing to see.

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"We've made quite a bit of history over the last four."

and-a-half years,"
Southgate said in the bowels of Al Bayt Stadium.

"Sut all of it good!

"But that's the great challenge. When you go back through those tournaments, you do see the teams that have knocked England out.

"We haven't been able to do that, so that's the next test for this team."

